

REMARKS

Claims 1-73 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- I. A first embodiment disclosed in Figures 4-7, 16, 18, 23, 26 and 27;
- II. A second embodiment disclosed in Figures 8-10, 20, 24 and 28;
- III. A third embodiment disclosed in Figures 11, 12, and 21;
- IV. A fourth embodiment disclosed in Figure 22; and
- V. A fifth embodiment disclosed in Figures 17 and 29.


It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed above are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicant elects to prosecute the subject matter of Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 11, 13, 14, 17, 19, 23, 25, 31, 35, 55, 60, 61, 68 and 72 directed to species I, Figures 4-7, 16, 18, 23, 26 and 27.

Applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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